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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

**SUBJECT: Your Luncheon Meeting with the Attorney General
on Friday, January 15, 1971 at 1:00 PM**

In your meeting with the Attorney General, you may wish to discuss the following subjects:

1. **Kidnapping.** Tell the Attorney General that the tremendous publicity he arranged concerning the kidnapping plot has done wonders for your ego. You might wish to note some of the more witty comments you have received: (1) John Chancellor (the power went off in their building and they wanted to see how you were); (2) your Harvard colleague who wished he were important enough to be kidnapped; and (3) Eric Severide's analogy to "The Ransom of Red Chief" and remark that the State Department might offer enough to the conspirators to hold you prisoner.

On a serious note, you might ask him if Justice has found additional evidence and what outcome he foresees for the court proceedings.

2. **JDL Problem.** Ask the Attorney General where plans stand for curtailing activities of the JDL. (Hal Sonnenfeldt's memorandum summarizing the present status is at Tab A.) You might wish to mention Esterbrook's inquiry concerning the allegation that the White House was preventing State and Justice from seeking an injunction against the JDL.

3. **Leaks.** Remind the Attorney General that you continue to be concerned about leaks on the most sensitive matters affecting the national security and believe that the situation will get worse as

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the 1972 election approaches. Even after the President's edict on the handling of classified material (Tab B), there continues to be disturbing press stories:

- The Beecher story concerning American airlift of troops and supplies in support of South Vietnamese operations in Cambodia (Tab C).
- The Frankel article on Cuba and Vietnam (Tab D). (The recent memorandum summarizing other leaks in the past which appear to be attributable to the Department of State is at Tab E).
- The recent Roberts/Smith articles on SALT and ABM (Tab F). (Gerard Smith said he would discuss this with the Attorney General but believes they may have come from the Soviets. An FBI report which lends some credence to this view is at Tab G).

Tell the Attorney General you expect to release a NSSM on declassification procedures in the near future. If you have decided that a representative of the Attorney General should chair the Ad Hoc Group, you may want to discuss this NSSM in some detail (Tab H).

4. The Middle East. Tell the Attorney General you are very concerned about the direction in which we are heading in the Middle East (your memorandum to the President on the subject is at Tab I). See Roger item, #10.

5. Southeast Asia. You may wish to discuss in a general way the plans being developed for operations during the dry season in Southeast Asia.

6. SALT. Discuss the current status of SALT negotiations and the outlook for the next phase (the lengthy Smith/Sonnenfeldt memorandum on the subject is at Tab J).

7. Berlin Situation. Give the Attorney General a brief rundown on our negotiating position on Berlin and for the future (the most recent status report on Berlin is at Tab K).

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8. Cuba. Tell the Attorney General that the Soviet submarine and tender that were operating in Cuban waters have now departed. The nuclear barges, a tug and assorted diving tenders, however, remain. It is possible that the Soviets will send other ships to the Caribbean in the near future. There are some unsubstantiated preliminary indications that they may intend to send another tender.

9. China. Discuss with the Attorney General the present state of flux in our policies toward Nationalist China and Communist China and the various aspects of the problem which are now being studied (Tab L).

10. Discuss with the Attorney General your attitude with respect to Secretary Rogers and the renewed pattern of direct confrontation which he has been utilizing. Inform the Attorney General that you are determined to resolve the issue even at the expense of leaving the Administration, if required.

Attachments

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